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CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 16, 2017

REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Council Pro Tem, Mike Ring at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

INVOCATION – Lisa Whitaker
Youth with a Mission, Absecon United Methodist Church

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Cain, Bennett, Horton, Phillips, Ring

ABSENT: Vizthum, Seher

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Armstrong, Tim Maguire, Jessica Thompson, Carie Crone, Ed Dennis

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW
NOTIFICATION OF MEETING RECORDED

REPORTS

Councilwoman Horton – Public Works – the Turner Avenue has started to be cleared of some trees and the work will stop at the end of the month and begin again after June 30th due to a fish habitat. The work on NJ Avenue will start in May and the project at Mill & NJ Avenue will also begin in May. Public Works has started to dismantle the fence at the football field and any work that can be done by them will be to keep the costs down. Cross section tests will be done next week on the field. A better read on the costs will be able to be done then. Micro surfacing was also discussed and it works better in the warmer weather. Her next meeting is 4/20 @ 3:30

Councilman Phillips – Public Safety – met on the 7th and police, fire and ambulance all attended. The fire department put in a grant for new chargers. The police are in the process of doing interviews for new hires. Comparing this time last year to this year, tickets being written are up 33% and arrests are up 76%. They are getting acclimated to the 12 hour shift quickly. Ambulance calls are up 319 from last year and they hired 2 new trainees. His next meeting is 4/4 @ 7 p.m.

Chief DeRitis – the Detective Bureau had a great solve over the last 24 hours. We've had issues where an individual was making obscene phone calls to a local establishment and was also calling in bomb threats. The juvenile was found with help from the Philadelphia police dept.

Councilman Bennett – Parks & Playgrounds – his next meeting will be 3/21 @ 7 p.m.

Councilman Vizthum – Finance – next meeting is 4/20 @ 6:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Cain – Community Affairs – announced upcoming events in the area. Absecon has been having a lot of raffles and bingo events requiring permits that need to be applied for in the Clerk's office. We've never enforced the fact that we should be collecting a fee of \$20 for the permit, but the State gets their fee. Any new one as of now, we will be enforcing that \$20 fee. She then went over Res. #80, 82, 83. Next meeting is 4/6 @ 6 p.m.

Councilman Ring – Economic Development – next meeting 4/6 @ 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Armstrong – explained our insurance fund that we are in now, which has saved us money on premiums. He attended a meeting with the fund commissioners recently and they discussed guidance and recommendations to minimize claims. The program was about the potential of having an active shooter in the workplace. He asked for a grant for some type of funding to evaluate how Absecon could handle that type of situation in our building.

Administrator, Jessica Thompson - went through the balance of the agenda items. Leaf pickup begins 4/17 and will run for 4 weeks. Green day will be 4/22 from 9-1 will be the city clean up and shredding available as well.

MONTHLY REPORTS - Carie

Clerk - \$2,038.97

Court - \$11,969.18

Construction – \$10,698

Tax - \$3,417,185.02

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Phillips - second – Councilwoman Horton

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close public – Councilman Bennett - second – Councilwoman Cain

All were in favor.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

2017 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

- 03** Authorizing the sale of a portion of Lot 1.02 in Block 142 as shown on the official tax map of the City of Absecon to contiguous property owner, Cecelia Whittaker.

Motion for introduction – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Phillips

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Bennett, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes

2017 ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

- 02** An Ordinance of the City of Absecon, to exceed the Municipal Budget appropriation limits and to establish a cap bank (N.J.S.A. 40A-45.14).

Motion for second reading – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilman Phillips

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Bennett, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Horton

All were in favor. No public comment

Motion to close public – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Cain

All were in favor

Motion for final reading and adoption – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Cain

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Bennett, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by this City Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- 77** Authorizing a fee for the creation, printing and mailing of Tax Sale Notices for an electronic tax sale.
- 78** Authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes on the property located at 12 Delray Lane (Block 258.02, Lot 1.77).
- 79** Authorizing the City of Absecon to award the contract for Turner Ave. flood mitigation improvements.
- 80** Granting a Bingo License for the Mainland-Pleasantville NAACP.
- 81** Permitting a Charitable Organization to solicit funds, namely the Rotary Club of Absecon.
- 82** Granting a Raffle License to the AtlantiCare Foundation.

83 Granting a Bingo License to the AtlantiCare Foundation.

Motion to move the Consent Agenda – Councilwoman Horton – second – Councilwoman Cain
ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Bennett, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - \$1,315,843.95

Motion to approve – Councilwoman Cain – second Councilwoman Horton
ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Bennett, yes; Horton, yes, abstain A0005; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 3/02/2017

Motion to approve – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Bennett

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Bennett, yes; Horton, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Phillips - second – Councilwoman Horton

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close public – Councilman Bennett - second – Councilwoman Cain

All were in favor.

Mike wished everyone a happy and safe St. Patrick's Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Horton

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 4-6-17